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Commander recognizes outstanding performers, offers new opportunities

Welcome to the April UTA!

It's always nice to start off the CONTACT by recognizing some of our outstanding performers. This month we have several in the 349th Communications Squadron who were recognized as the best in Air Force Reserve Command.

They are **Maj. Craig R. Wells**, named as Field Grade Officer of the Year. In the category of Communications – Electronic/Wire System Maintenance, individual professionalism awards came home with **Staff Sgt. Voke Uwedjojevwe** and **Master Sgt. Jeffrey Parten**. Winning Senior Enlisted Member of the Year for Communications – Computer Systems is **Master Sgt. Cary Anderson**, with **Todd Ibbotson** named as Senior Civilian employee of the Year. Congratulations to these outstanding professionals.

We also had three of our aerial porters distinguish themselves while attending the NCO Academy. **Tech. Sgt. Joselyn Davidson** from the 55th Aerial Port Squadron was the class commander and received the Chief Master Sgt. Paul H. Lankford Commandants Award. It is presented to the student who displays outstanding attributes of leadership, enthusiasm, sincerity and dedication to the spirit of the NCO Academy and Total Air Force.

Also from the 55th APS was **Tech. Sgt. Michael Lytle** who served on the class Honor Guard, performed in the ceremony recognizing POWs and MIAs and was the drill adjutant at the graduation parade ceremonies. From the 82nd Aerial Port Squadron, **Tech. Sgt. John Oyster** earned distinguished graduate honors signifying performance in the top 10 percent of his class. Congratulations to all our outstanding graduates!

You may remember we were looking for help on the historian staff last month. We

are pleased to welcome **Staff Sgt. Robert Wade** to the staff! Several of you expressed interest in this important position and I want to thank you for offering your services.

Opportunity available

We have another opportunity that may interest you – Public Affairs! The qualities are similar – an ability to write, a desire to learn about other units in the wing and an interest in telling some of the great stories that are out there in our wing. If you're interested, contact **1st Lt. Dawn Young** at (707) 424-3936.

Wing Enlisted Workshop

In this month's edition of the CONTACT, **Senior Master Sgt. Patricia Thornton** will tell you about the Wing Enlisted Workshop 2 coming up in May. This will be a great opportunity to hear from some of our most dynamic and successful reservists about how to create your own path to success.

The material presented will have wide applicability, but we are specifically targeting our airmen and junior NCOs. We only have space enough for about 300 attendees so get your request in early. Group commanders will select those that will be able to attend and any excess names will be listed as alternates for shortfalls in other groups. Come ready to learn and have fun!

The **Operations Group** continues to do well on their Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Visit. Thanks to all the operators for doing all the little things that make a difference.

Keep those pubs current, stay in the books and make sure you look sharp when you report to the squadron. Now is not the time to let your guard down!

The wing continues to excel thanks to



Pass and Review

By Col. James T. Rubeor

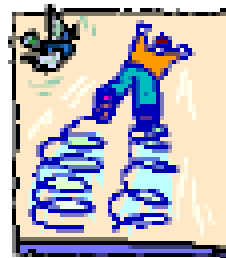
your hard work and dedication. We have some challenges and hard work ahead, particularly in terms of managing our money and completing all our KC-10 and C-5 flying time, but the important things are seldom easy. And what you do is very important. So thanks to each and every one of you for making a difference.

Congratulations to our PEP promotees! We had five technical sergeants promoted to master sergeant and 11 staff sergeants promoted to technical sergeant. They are listed in the back of this month's CONTACT.

We also have two of our master sergeants completing for senior master sergeant at the PEP board being conducted at 4th Air Force this month, **master sergeants Janice Lambard** and **Dave Smart**. Competing on the same board for promotion to the highest enlisted grade possible, chief master sergeant, are **senior master sergeants Greg McGee** and **Julie Slagle**.

Good luck in the tough competition at headquarters!

**DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME
SPRING
FORWARD**



**Set clocks ahead one
hour at 2 a.m., April 1.**



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Tech. Sgt. Steve Kollra, an aircraft generation ground equipment technician for the 349th Logistics Group, performs an operational check on a hydraulic test stand. Kollra was deployed to Moron Air Base, Spain, for two weeks in support of Aerospace Expeditionary Force 3. See related story on Page 6. (Photo by 1st Lt. Dawn Young)

Senior NCO Academy demands your best

The most difficult enlisted Professional Military Education to be selected for is the Senior NCO Academy in residence.

I have had the opportunity to serve on the SNCOA selection board and would like to share my experience, thoughts and feedback on this process.

The first area of concern is the individual's comments on the application. Air Force Form 4036 is the application and it is the only means for the applicant to fully disclose why they desire to attend the SNCOA.

The applicant should also include his or her goals now and after they complete the academy. One or two lines of comments will not work! Reach deep down and think. It takes thought.

The next area is the endorser's comments. The immediate supervisor, first sergeant and commander are the keys to success in this process. These people must support the applicant by providing strong, positive and complete endorsements. Pencil whipping will not work.

I was one of several people who always wanted to know why applicants were required to submit a photo. Now I know why, and I want you to know.

Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, and AFI 40-502, Weight Management Program, are the primary



Chief's Counsel

By Command Chief Master Sgt.
Anthony L. Maddux

reasons. Be assured the camera can and does tell all!

Normally, individuals within their maximum weight and body fat present a crisp, trim appearance in their photo; however, those who aren't within their limits don't.

Rather than having your applicant embarrassed locally or at the SNCOA, don't tender the application, fix the problem first. Get that weight under control.

Also remember that all the people who sign the application must also sign the back of the photograph. This includes the wing commander and me.

The final area of concern is the computer RIP. The application process requires a current RIP to be provided as a part of the package.

Current is the keyword -- one month maximum. Also ensure all information is correct and has been updated, especially previously completed PME and civilian education.

Board members believe if it is not on the RIP, then it is not valid because it cannot be documented.

Take a good look at your Armed Services Vocational Aptitude and Battery test and Air Force Officer Qualification Test scores. They are generally associated with the study habits and intellectual capacity needed to successfully complete the demanding SNCOA curriculum.

You must consult the wing training staff in the application process. They can answer your questions and review all packages before they are submitted to Air Force Reserve Command.

We've done a great job in our wing. We continue to get our best qualified selected to attend the SNCOA.

These people display all the professional characteristics and qualities that indicate academic success, and the ability to serve with distinction as members of the 349th Air Mobility Wing.

Keep up the good work.

FLIGHT LINE: How can the Air Force Reserve improve recruiting and retention?



SrA Mendy Ruiz
45th Aerial Port Squadron

"Our recruiters need to get more face time with the students in our schools. Our leaders also need to be a part of our lives so they can understand why we may or may not stay in the Air Force."



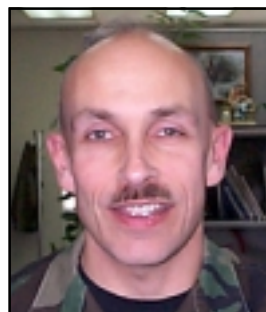
MSgt. Bill Bailey
349th Security Forces

"We need to provide more incentives, such as better pay and quality of life, to improve recruiting. We do a good job with mentoring and leadership, but we need something to motivate the techno generation."



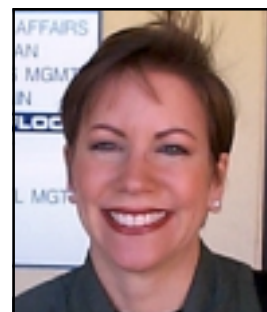
TSgt. Rosema Hermanto
349th Air Mobility Wing

"Educating employers so they will be supportive will help retention. We also need to give people an opportunity to deploy. Last year I went to Japan for my annual tour and this year I'm going to Aviano."



TSgt. Ross Wood
349th Air Mobility Wing

"By offering more programs that are conducive to civilian work schedules. As well as promoting high profile programs like the Honor Guard and management tools like the leadership and development program."



MSgt. Jennifer Lepore
301st Airlift Squadron

"My concern is for the reservist who needs to feel compensated for their time and sacrifices. Possibly building more points into the retirement program would motivate more people to join and stay with the unit."

Chaplain offers counseling, companionship

Wing reservists provide expeditionary support at Moron Air Base, Spain

**Story and photos by
1st Lt. Dawn Young**

Wing Public Affairs

They are a special group of people. They bring a special word with them where ever they go. They could be any where for a variety of different reasons. It is always comforting to know you can turn to them no matter where you are. From the desert to home they are there.

Whether they are providing companionship for fellow airmen, counseling for a troubled person or ministering on a Sunday, the Air Force chaplains are always available.

"The first piece of equipment we had working was the cellular phone," said Chaplain (Maj.) Gregory Stringer, 349th Air Mobility Wing. Stringer is deployed for two-weeks to Moron Air Base, Spain in support of Aerospace Expeditionary Force 3. He has working with him one chaplain assistant, Tech. Sgt. Norm Bolds, 349th



Lending an ear: 349th Air Mobility Wing Chaplain (Maj.) Gregory Stringer listens to how the deployed reservists are adjusting while stationed at Moron Air Base, Spain.

AMW. The dou-team returned Feb 25.

"We are here for the troops," said the chaplain. "We will be out and about visiting with all the deployed military members." Stringer will have many opportunities to provide counseling and companionship, but not ministering. The base, although it doesn't currently have a full-time chaplain assigned, does have a system in place for those attending service on Sundays.

On the first and fourth Sunday of each month a chaplain from Rota Air Base, Spain, comes up to provide service and on the second Sunday a chaplain from Aviano Air Base, Italy, flies in to perform the service. On the other possible two Sundays of the month the base has liaison people who are permanently assigned to Moron set to

provide the service.

"An Air Force chaplain approved service agenda is used by the liaison people to give the sermon," said Stringer. "It is great to see these people continue on even through they don't have a full-time chaplain."

The permanent party liaison people have not seen a full-time assigned chaplain for about 2-3 years. But, that is not stopping them. "These people have recently repainted the inside of the entire chapel, including all the adjoining offices. They cleared out the offices, which were being used as storage areas by various base agencies," said Bolds. "Next they are looking at putting in new carpet. That will really give this place a face lift."

With the ministering in place the deployed chaplain will focus his attention on visiting the troops. "The troops are the ones who really need us," said Stringer. "We will be here to lend a helping hand to the permanent party folks, if they need us, but I feel we will spend most of our time out with the troops."

With cellular phone in hand Stringer and Bolds head out to visit the troops. Hands are shaken, smiles are exchanged, words are said and then they head off to their next stop. Airmen know that the chaplain is there, only a phone call away if needed.



Face lift: Tech. Sgt. Norm Bolds adjusts a stand inside the chapel at Moron Air Base, Spain. The chapel was recently renovated by the permanent party people assigned to the base.

Wing reservists provides global support

**Story and photos by
1st Lt. Dawn Young**

Wing Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Steve Kollra knows what to look for in an aircraft generation equipment shop. He knows what must be there, what makes doing the job easier and what a shop can live without.

Kollra who is an aircraft generation ground equipment technician, 349th Logistics Support Squadron and an Air Reserve Technician, showed up Feb. 12 at Moron Air Base, Spain, in support of Aerospace Expeditionary Force 3. Pulling Reserve members from a variety of different bases and at different times is how the Air Force Reserve Command is accomplishing the support AEFs all over the world. These Reservists are then woven into the current infrastructure at the base. It is a seamless operation, often times making it difficult to tell who is permanent party and who is on temporary duty.

For Kollra he will spend his two-weeks working hand in hand with other Reservists, Guard and Spanish contracted people. There are no permanently assigned Air Force people in the AGE shop at Moron.

"I see a lot of people come and go," said Kelly Sexton, boss-supervisor of the AGE shop and a Spanish contract worker. "All I ask is they come prepared to pull their load and I have not had any trouble yet. The Reservists are well trained in how to perform their job and because many of them do the similar job for their civilian work, I usually get taught a thing or two."

Sexton has been the supervisor for about a year or four different exercises. He computes his length of time in the job by

counting the number of exercises.

"When we have an exercise we get the Reservists in. No exercise, no planes. We don't need any help," Sexton said.

Kollra was not sure what to expect when he set foot into his new shop to perform a job he has been doing for more than 22 years.

Met by his supervisor he, along with three other newly arrived workers, were given a contingency binder to read and briefed by the boss.

"I will be performing phase I and phase II inspections on war readiness materials and be working along side of transient alert to manage the flight line," said Kollra.

Performing inspections on equipment such as power units and compressors will consist of checking filters, oil levels and tire pressures.

Also some of the units will require more complex inspections, which might involve calibrations and tolerance checks. There are a few pieces of equipment requiring two-year inspections.

"Two-year inspections are a little more in-depth and require more time to complete," said Kollra.

Managing the flight line requires Kollra to take fire bottles, ramps and power units out to each aircraft after TA parks it.

Then the opposite happens once the aircraft departs. If maintenance is required while the aircraft is parked on the ramp, Kollra is there to support the maintainer's needs.

Not knowing definitely when aircraft are due in, the office is manned 24 hours a day. "Usually we get a heads up, but we also receive a lot of aircraft diverted from Rota Air Base, Spain, at the last minute," explained Sexton. "This base is also the secondary landing strip for the space



Equipment set: Tech Sgt. Steve Kollra tightens the cannon plug connector on a new generator control tray assembly on an 86 generator.

shuttle. We always must be ready."

For Kollra the 24-hour coverage will mean working the night shift with one other person. "I don't mind working nights," said Kollra. "We should be able to get a lot of the inspections done at that time."

Having time to perform the inspections is one part of being able to complete the job, but the other part is having the tools to do it.

"I was surprised to see how well equipped their bench stock was. Also, the large amount of AGE equipment they have. I can't think of anything they are missing equipment wise."

"We try to anticipate the reservists needs," said Sexton. "We have an office set up for them with a tool box, hearing protection, reflective belts and all the forms they may need to perform their job." As the Reservists roll through the shop each one brings a different perspective on how the job should be accomplished. "We take the suggestions of the Reservists and learn from them. The system works well here," said Sexton.

"The shop has everything I need tool wise, the weather is wonderful with the shining sun and all the people I have met are great. Super friendly," said Kollra. "Supporting AEF 3 will be no trouble."



Maintenance: Tech. Sgt. Steve Kollra performs a service inspection on a generator set while deployed to Moron Air Base, Spain. Kollra was deployed for two weeks in support of AEF 3.

Logistician volunteers to provide AEF support

Destination: Moron Air Base, Spain

**Story and photos by
1st Lt. Dawn Young**

Wing Public Affairs

A vast stretch of openness across what currently looks like a deserted runway serves as a training area for Tech. Sgt. Glenn Miller, 349th Logistics Group, who recently deployed to Moron Air Base, Spain.

Deploying to Spain in support of an Aerospace Expeditionary Force is not uncommon for the fuels specialists. This is not his first time here. "This is actually my third time deploying over to Moron. The first time was for 45 days, and the second time was for 30 days," said Miller. This time the 19-year veteran volunteered for a tour length of 45 days.

Due to his extended amount of time spent at Moron, Miller is viewed as the resident expert. "When Reservists arrive there is a lot of training that needs to be accomplished," explained Miller. The training is broken down into two parts. One part deals with familiarization to



Working with others: Tech. Sgt. Glenn Miller, 349th Logistics Group, works on a hose cart. He will work with reservists from many bases and with Spanish employees while deployed.

Moron and the other is training within the Air Force specialty code of fuels.

"First, we tackle the familiarization training to Moron," said Miller. Miller takes the new troops on a flight line tour, pointing out the entry control points, the fuel pits and where the pump house is located.

"This flight line tour is very important. Once the exercise gets underway it will be wing tip to wing tip out here. It is great that the runway is empty right now for the

training," said Miller. "Once the aircraft are here there is no room for error."

The second part of training is seeing how many people have dealt with a hose cart. Although it is a regular piece of equipment within the fuels specialty, it is older and many airmen may never have seen one.

"Out of the handful of new guys that just arrived, one airman came up to me and said he had never seen a hose cart before. Several others had seen one, but never had to work it," said Miller.

The Air Force is replacing the hose cart with a hydrant-servicing vehicle. This is the piece of equipment most fuels specialists are familiar with.

"Most of the people arriving here have experience in the career field. Occasionally, I will see a couple of "green" people arrive. When that happens we get out the training records and get to work," explained Miller.

The Reservists are taken out and shown the ropes, observed by trained fuels specialists and then when they can prove they have job knowledge, can do the job safely and professionally, they are allowed to go out there by themselves.

"I try to get everyone up to speed as fast as I can," said Miller. "Most Reservists volunteer to be here for two-weeks and then are heading home. There is not much time for down time."

Once the Reservists leave and another new group arrives, for Miller the process starts all over again. He can only hope that the runway will not be wing tip to wing tip, but if it is, the training must still go on.



Underground hook-up: Tech. Sgt. Glenn Miller hooks up a fuel line to an underground fuel pit at Moron Air Base, Spain. Miller is deployed for 45 days in support of AEF 3.

Workshop promotes career development

By Senior Master Sgt. Pat Thornton
70th Air Refueling Squadron

*"Takin' care of business... everyday!
Takin' care of business... every way!
We'll be takin' care of business; it's all
right!
Takin' care of business and workin'
overtime... WORKOUT!"*

"Takin' Care of Business" is the Bachman Turner Overdrive anthem to working hard and getting ahead. It's also a philosophy that can be applied to all aspects of life including reservists' careers. And, it's the focus for this year's Wing Enlisted Workshop to be conducted May 17-18.

Last year's workshop addressed numerous quality of life issues. As a direct result of an issue raised during the WEW, the 349th Air Mobility Wing commute area was adjusted, entitling an additional 500

reservists to lodging and travel benefits for duty performed at Travis AFB.

Drawing from this same energy and "can do" spirit during this "Year of Recruiting and Retention," WEW2 will highlight career development, leadership and mentoring issues — basically, "how to get there from here... takin' care of business."

What can you expect at this year's workshop? Dynamic senior enlisted

speakers from the command level down will give you personal perspectives on how they achieved their own professional success; interactive work groups will address this year's issues; there will be team-building and communication exercises; role-playing scenarios; and high-energy fun. Expect the unexpected.

To help coordinate the workshop, send an e-mail to: patricia.thornton@travis.af.mil or call (707) 424-7103.

Slots filling fast for workshop

The slots for the Wing Enlisted Workshop (WEW2) being held May 17-18 at Bldg. 921 are **GOING FAST**. There is limited availability so to ensure that you are considered for selection to attend, contact your First Sergeant or superintendent immediately. They will provide you with the application and further details. Remember, the workshop's focus is career development, leadership and mentoring; "takin' care of business!" Uniform for the workshop will be any blues combination.

349th Memorial Affairs Squadron assists with remains from Georgia airplane crash

By 1st Lt. Dawn Young
Wing Public Affairs

Eleven members from the 349th Memorial Affairs Squadron were called upon to assist in identification of remains from the 21 National Guardsmen who lost their lives when the C-23 Sherpa crashed in Georgia, March 3. The reservists departed for Dover Air Force Base, Del., March 6.

The members were put on alert March 4. "Air Force Reserve Command called and gave us the heads up," said Master Sgt. Martin Walker, senior ART for the squadron. "They wanted to know how many volunteers go at a moments notice."

After receiving the call from command Walker started asking the reservists. The reservists were drilling A Flight UTA.

"Person after person said they could go, and could go now. The response was incredible," said Walker. All in all 16 people said they could go, but AFRC only required 11.

The team deployed for about two weeks, and was headed-up by Chief Master Sgt. Larry Lawson, services superintendent.

The 349th MAS brings with them an experienced team, as nearly all of their personnel have deployed in similar situations. "The squadron was called upon in 1998 to support the downed Black Hawk and for the Nyrobi Kenya bombings," explained Walker.

In the Air Force Reserve Command there are only two port-mortuary affair lead teams, Dover and Travis. Other bases do have personnel in the career field, but are not a lead team.

The team identified remains through dental records, DNA testing; were responsible for next of kin notification; helped families to get their affairs in order and helped out with military honors. "We did not have to conduct search and recovery at the crash site," said Walker.

The team flew from Oakland, Calif., to Baltimore, Maryland, and then drove to Dover. "The bad weather on the East Coast hampered us from arriving at Philadelphia. It took the team a little longer to get there than they first anticipated," explained Walker. The drive from Baltimore to Dover is about 3 hours, in good weather.

Equipment wise the team was set.

Mentally wise the team did need to prepare. "The team was given a critical incident stress briefing and received a call from the wing chaplain," said Walker. The team, while deployed, received nightly critical incident stress briefings and upon returning to Travis will again receive the briefing.

"Dealing with what they had to deal with can really affect people in negative ways. Sometimes people don't realize how they have been affected until a couple weeks later," explained Walker.

The wing chaplain, Lt. Col. Newton Kerney, departed March 7 to offer his services of counseling and companionship to the deployed reservists.

The C-23 Sherpa was assigned to the Florida battalion, based at Lakeland Fla. It took off at 9:57 a.m. Saturday from Hurlburt Field near Fort Walton Beach and was headed to Oceana Naval Air Station, Va. No trouble was reported at takeoff.

The passengers included 18 Virginia Air Guard members. The plane's pilot and two other crewmembers were from the Florida Army National Guard's 171st Aviation Battalion.



Photos by Ron Lake



Fine tuning: Senior Master Sgt. Vic Talani (left) programs telephone circuitry. Above, Master Sgt. Catalino Sibayan explains a site network layout using a wire diagram.



A Day in the Life of the **349th Comm Squadron**

Wired: Radio systems superintendent Senior Master Sgt. Scott Walshlager aligns the intra-site microwave module communications link. Below, Staff Sgt. Melissa Zrnchik programs a module that determines voice or data signals.



Communications lifeline: Master Sgt. Dennis Gilb talks with Army ground mobile forces controllers at Camp Roberts while examining power levels on the Lightweight Multi-banded Satellite Terminal.

EMPLOYER APPRECIATION DAY APPLICATION

Employer: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Employer's SSAN (Required for Passenger Manifest) : _____

Employer's Title (manager, foreman, etc.) : _____

Company Name: _____

Employer's Home Mailing Address: _____

Person to be Notified in Emergency: _____

Employer's Emergency Phone: () _____
(Area Code and Number)

SPONSORING RESERVIST

Reservist's Rank: _____ Unit: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Reservist SSAN: _____

Reservist Duty Phone: _____ Home Phone: () _____

Civilian Work Phone: () _____

An opportunity to observe an aerial refueling mission will be offered to employers. Space is limited. Reservists will be given the chance to fly with their employer **if space allows**. Flights are not for family members or friends. The flight is pending approval by higher headquarters and is subject to cancellation for weather or operational reasons.

Employer Appreciation Day Dates

Logistics Group -- May 19 --
C Flight
Chief Master Sgt. Marcus Okuda,
424-5037

Support Group -- June 2 --
A Flight
Master Sgt. Patricia White, 424-4904

Operations Group -- July 21 --
C Flight
(79th ARS; 301st AS; 349th AES;
45th & 55th APS)
Lt. Col. Lonnie Williams, 424-1641

Operations Group -- Aug. 18 --
B Flight
(70th ARS, 312th AS, 82nd APS)
Lt. Col. Lonnie Williams, 424-1641

AMC focuses on workload reduction, mission productivity

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AMCNS) — Air Mobility Command is still ringing in the new millennium with its concept of air operations designed to reduce aircrew workload and increase mission productivity.

The concept — Mobility 2000, more commonly known as M2K — uses a triad of aircraft technology, enhanced communications and integrated flight management. It integrates existing command and control systems with emerging communications technology, and adapts it to the ever-changing international Air Traffic Control environment. M2K officials believe the concept provides better support to aircrews so they have more productive missions.

AMC spent the last four years laying the foundation for M2K, and in July began testing procedures on select Atlantic Express missions under the M2K umbrella. It officially kicked off with a Sept. 19 flight by AMC's commander, Gen. Charles T. Robertson Jr. He flew an M2K mission to Travis Air Force Base, Calif., to brief operational aircrews, base command and control, maintenance and aerial port members and other 60th Air Mobility Wing staff on the project.

"This is a must do! Do not waste another day! It's my top AMC initiative ... I need everyone at every level to understand it and be involved," said the general.

Along with the general's visit, a team of experts explained the changes M2K would bring to aircrews and solicited input that will help develop the next steps that are to occur. During the team's subsequent visit to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, they provided an orientation brief to visiting Pacific En Route commanders who were there attending their annual conference.

To read the rest of this article visit <http://public.scott.af.mil/hqamc/>.

82nd APS brings home trophy

By Capt. Gaelle Aronson

Wing Public Affairs

For the fourth time in six years, the 82nd Aerial Port Squadron has been awarded Air Mobility Command's Total Force Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command Aerial Port Unit of the Year.

The award covers the unit's performance for calendar year 2000 and will actually be presented at the Annual AMC Transportation Awards function in the spring.

Lt. Col. Sandra Yope, 82nd APS commander, attributes the award to the efforts made by her entire team.

"I'm just extremely proud of our unit -- this is about them. We've had a tremendous year," she said. "It was difficult because we had two major inspections in a four-month period, but we were successful."

The two inspections Yope is referring to were the wing Unit Compliance Inspection in February and an Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection during the first two weeks of June.

"AMC asked us if we would participate and help in the Patriot Partner exercise," said Yope.

"I met with my staff and asked them if they thought we could be ready to do it. We decided we could, and it turned out we were. We received greens in every area of evaluation," said Yope.

During the EORI, the 82nd APS assumed management and supervisory roles for most sections of the busiest aerial port in the world at Ramstein Air Force Base.

They supported four high profile missions: Joint Guardian, Phoenix Banner, Northern Watch, and Combined Endeavor. In 13 days, they handled 424 missions, moved 4,750 cargo tons, and processed 4,757 passengers.

Additionally, the unit distinguished itself throughout the year both at home and at events such as Rodeo 2000. They volunteered to help support the 60th Transportation Squadron in support of Northern and Southern Watch, and they also volunteered to provide a large contingent for the East Bay stand down.

Beale civil engineer squadron seeking first sergeant

The 940th Civil Engineer Squadron is accepting applications for a first sergeant.

It is a master sergeant position. Interested master sergeants and technical sergeants eligible for promotion to master sergeant are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must be available for assignment to the position in July 2001 and meet all requirements of Air Force Instruction 36-2113.

Submit an application package, consisting of a resume and a copy of the most recent Enlisted Performance Report to: 940 CES/CC, 6593 B St, Bldg 26173, Beale AFB CA 95903-1215.

Deadline for applications is May 5. For more information, call (530) 634-1723.



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Changing Guard

Col. William Rollin accepts the squadron flag from 349th Air Mobility Wing Commander Col. Jim Rubeor during the 349th Support Group assumption of command ceremony March 3. Rollin served as the 349th Logistics Group commander from December 1997 to December 2000.



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